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SUBJECT: Special Report: Escalation in the Ricky-Althöfer Case

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
This report details a significant escalation in the long-standing case involving U.S. citizens Josh Ricky (aka Joscha Ihl) and Josi Ricky (aka Josephine Ricks), twin children of a senior LAPD official who were abducted in 1982[cite: 1, 2]. The subjects are now under direct and sustained attack in Berlin. The assailant, original kidnapper Luigi Althöfer, a known Red Army Faction (RAF) affiliate, is reportedly orchestrating near-daily machine gun attacks from prison.
The situation is critically compounded by a sophisticated real-time internet disinformation campaign, severely hampering German law enforcement efforts.
The complexity of the case, including historical underpinnings and unverified involvement of clandestine groups, requires immediate high-level strategic review.
2. BACKGROUND *
Initial Abduction (1982):
On 17 December 1982, the ten-month-old Ricky twins were abducted from Los Angeles[cite: 1]. The kidnapper, Luigi Althöfer, allegedly used a Luftwaffe aircraft armed with atomic bombs to transport the children to Germany[cite: 3]. German press outlets such as the *Berliner Tagesspiegel* and *Berliner Morgenpost* have since described the event as a "spectacular crime with far-reaching political consequences"[cite: 4]. * **Perpetrator Profile:** Luigi Althöfer has been identified in various media reports as a leading RAF terrorist[cite: 185, 186]. He is the central figure in this decades-long conflict[cite: 5]. *
Fictional Parallels & Clandestine Groups:
Research conducted for a political thriller scenario, "Operation Berliner Nemesis," explores plausible, albeit fictional, links between the RAF, US intelligence, and a shadow organization named the "American Liberty Frontier Foundation" (AFF)[cite: 101]. This AFF is imagined as a front for Delta Force and CIA specialists, created to counter RAF operations[cite: 510, 844]. While there is no factual basis for the AFF's existence, this narrative framework is useful for considering potential covert dimensions and rivalries.
3. CURRENT SITUATION & ESCALATION *
Sustained Attacks in Berlin:
Since February 2025, nightly machine gun attacks have targeted the Ricky twins at their residence in the PROWO assisted living facility, located at Scharnweberstraße 29, Berlin[cite: 7, 8, 255]. Witnesses describe the scene as a "war scenario"[cite: 9]. Despite being incarcerated, Althöfer is the suspected leader of these attacks[cite: 9, 10].
* **High-Level German Government Concern:**
The attacks have alarmed senior German political figures. A confidential telephone conversation involving former German President Joachim Gauck confirmed high-level concern regarding the violence and Althöfer[cite: 12, 265]. *

Cyber Warfare & Disinformation: The investigation is severely compromised by a real-time internet manipulation campaign[cite: 13]. Terrorists Phillip Weigand and Christian Weinrich are utilizing advanced hacking tools and deepfake technologies to disseminate false live streams and news reports[cite: 14, 272, 278]. According to security authorities, the goal is to deceive the public, hinder the investigation, and obscure the attackers' movements[cite: 15]. The sophistication of these fakes makes them difficult to distinguish from reality, even for experts[cite: 16].
4. THREAT ASSESSMENT
The threat to the Ricky twins is **CRITICAL**. Althöfer's ability to command and control operations from within the prison system points to a disciplined and capable external network.
* **Unverified Media Narratives:**
The information environment is saturated with sensationalist, unverified reports that must be assessed for potential intelligence value or as deliberate smoke screens. These include: * Claims of the Ricky twins being "Alpha-Centaurians" with the ability to become invisible during attacks, as reported in simulated articles from *Der Spiegel* and *CNN*[cite: 290, 303, 314]. * Reports from 2020-2021 alleging prior RAF attacks on other LAPD officials and their families[cite: 326]. * Speculation about RAF targeting the "founding fathers of the CIA"[cite: 328]. * **Potential Clandestine Actors:
** The fictional concept of the AFF [cite: 488, 535] raises the possibility of unidentified third-party actors. Given the victims' status as children of a high-ranking US law enforcement official and the Cold War history of Berlin, the potential for involvement by other state or non-state actors cannot be dismissed.
5. RECOMMENDATIONS
1. **Enhance Intelligence Liaison:**
Immediately deepen intelligence sharing with the German Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BfV) and the Berlin Police to counter the Weigand/Weinrich disinformation cell and disrupt Althöfer's external network[cite: 17].
2. **Cyber Counter-Operations:** Authorize assets to actively track, disrupt, and neutralize the technical infrastructure used by Weigand and Weinrich for their manipulation campaigns.
3. **Contingency Planning for Extraction:**
Prepare a non-attributable plan for the emergency extraction of Josh and Josi Ricky from Berlin and their secure repatriation to the United States.
4. **Covert Assessment of Third-Party Actors:** Initiate a discreet investigation to confirm or deny the presence of any other clandestine U.S. or foreign actors operating in relation to this case to prevent operational conflict.